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Letter dated 2 January 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter from the Secretary of the General People's Committee for African Unity and President of the Executive Council of the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) addressed to you concerning the withdrawal of CEN-SAD forces from the Central African Republic, said forces having entrusted their task to the forces of the Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC) pursuant to the agreement reached by the various parties in the matter.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ahmed A. **Own**
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Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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I have the honour to inform you that all the forces of the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) have withdrawn from the Central African Republic. They were sent there at the request of the legitimate Government of that country pursuant to a decision taken by the Heads of State of the Community with a view to maintaining peace and stability in the Central African Republic, whose legitimate Government, as you know, has been subjected to an uprising and several attempted coups d'état.

The forces of the Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC) have been deployed in accordance with the agreement signed by the Secretary of the People's General Committee for African Unity and President of the CEN-SAD Executive Council, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Gabon, representing CEMAC, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Central African Republic.

Responsibility for ensuring the security of the Central African Republic has thus been transferred to the forces of CEMAC.

I am pleased to take this opportunity to convey to you my gratitude and my appreciation for the efforts you have made, through your Representative in the Central African Republic, whom we have kept informed of developments in the situation, to ensure that this noble mission is carried out in its entirety.

(*Signed*) Ali **Treiki**
President of the Executive Council
of the Community of Sahel-Saharan States